

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 416

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor Childhelp upon the occasion of its twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly salute those worthy organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is Childhelp, which is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of its Tennessee programs this year; and

WHEREAS, Childhelp is a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for abused and neglected children; its mission is to meet the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Its programs and services include children's advocacy centers, residential treatment facilities, foster care and adoption services, the national child abuse hotline, and child abuse education and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Childhelp operates the Childhelp Children's Advocacy Center of East Tennessee and the Childhelp Foster Family Agency of East Tennessee; together these two programs have served over 10,000 Tennessee children over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Childhelp Children's Advocacy Center of East Tennessee provides child abuse assessments, forensic interviews, medical exams for abused children, free mental health services, and victim advocacy; it also coordinates Knox County's Child Protective Investigative team; and

WHEREAS, the Childhelp Foster Family Agency of East Tennessee provides case management, support, and training for foster families; it also provides adoption services, crisis intervention, and respite services; and

WHEREAS, Childhelp's goal is to provide a safety net of services for the abused children of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the well-being and safety of our children are of paramount importance to our future, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and honor Childhelp and its staff for their extraordinary dedication to helping the children of our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Childhelp upon the occasion of its twentieth anniversary and commend the staff and administrators for their ongoing commitment to providing outstanding services for Tennessee's abused and at-risk children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.